

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claim in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game comprising the steps of:

providing a player with an opportunity to place a wager and play a hand of video poker;

qualifying said player for an enhanced, time-dependent, payout only if the said player obtains at least one preselected initiating winning hand, and starting a timer which runs for a predetermined time period; and

providing an enhanced, time-dependent, payout to said player only if a hand of equal value to said preselected initiating winning hand is obtained by said player during said predetermined time period.

2. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 1 further comprising the step of providing discernible indications of said enhanced payout and said time during at least part of said predetermined time period.

3. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 2 wherein discernible indicator is provided during the entire predetermined time period.

4. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 3 wherein said discernible indicator stops when a hand of equal value is obtained by said player.
5. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 4 wherein said discernible indicator comprises a visual indicator.
6. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 3 wherein said discernible indicator comprises a visual indicator.
7. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 2 wherein said discernible indicator comprises a visual indicator.
8. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 1 wherein the timer can be activated by only one preselected winning hand of the preselected plurality of winning hands.
9. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 1 wherein the timer can be activated by more than one preselected winning hand of the preselected plurality of winning hands.
10. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 1 wherein a plurality of timers can be activated by a preselected plurality of winning hands.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 1 wherein the duration of said predetermined time period is different for at least two different winning hands of different values.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a ~~stand-alone~~ video blackjack game comprising the steps of:

providing a player with an opportunity to place a wager and play a hand of video blackjack;

qualifying said player for an enhanced, time-dependent, payout only if the said player obtains at least one preselected initiating winning hand, and starting a timer which runs for a predetermined time period; and

providing an enhanced time-dependent, payout to said player only if a hand of equal value to said preselected initiating winning hand is obtained by said player during said predetermined time period.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a ~~stand-alone~~ video blackjack game according to claim 12 further comprising the step of providing discernible indications of said enhanced payout and said timer during at least part of said predetermined time period.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a ~~stand-alone~~ video blackjack game according to claim 13 wherein said discernible indicator comprises a visual indicator.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a ~~stand-alone~~ video keno game comprising the steps of:

providing a player with an opportunity to place a wager and play a game of video keno;

qualifying said player for an enhanced, time-dependent, payout only if the said player obtains an initial winning keno combination, and starting a timer which runs for a predetermined time period; and

providing an enhanced payout to said player if ~~the~~ said player obtains a winning combination of equal value to said initial winning combination during said predetermined time period.

16. (Currently Amended) A ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game comprising:
means for displaying indicia of cards for at least one poker hand to a player;
a first payout display comprising a plurality of predetermined winning poker hands;

a second payout display comprising at least one enhanced payout which is payable to said player only when a predetermined second winning hand of equal value is obtained ~~by displayed to~~ said player within a predetermined time period of the display of a first winning hand to said player.

17. (Currently Amended) A ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 16 wherein said payout device provides payouts corresponding to said first payout table for one or more displayed winning hands.

18. (Currently Amended) A ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 16 wherein at least one enhanced payout is at least 25,000 times a player's wager on one hand.

19. (Currently Amended) A ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 16 wherein at least one enhanced payout is at least 100,000 times a player's wager on one hand.
20. (Currently Amended) A ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 16 wherein at least one enhanced payout is provided from a progressive jackpot.
21. (Currently Amended) A ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 16 wherein said second payout display also displays a time which counts down the time remaining in the predetermined time period.
22. (Currently Amended) A ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 16 wherein said second payout display comprises at least four enhanced payouts within a predetermined number of hands following the display of a first winning hand.
23. (Currently Amended) A ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 22 wherein said second payout display comprises at least one enhanced payout for identical hands.
24. (Currently Amended) A ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 22 wherein at least one enhanced payout is at least 25,000 times a player's wager on one hand.
25. (Currently Amended) A ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 19 wherein at least one enhanced payout is at least 250,000 times a player's wager on one hand.

26. (Currently Amended) A ~~stand-alone~~ video poker game according to claim 20 wherein at least one enhanced payout is at least 1,000,000 times a player's wager on one hand.